

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Windshield wiper device (10), comprising at least:
one wiper shaft (28) that is provided with a recess (46) and defines a longitudinal axis
and
a means (32) for partially accommodating the wiper shaft (28), a free end (40) of which
protrudes from the accommodating means (32) and
an essentially annular locking element (48) that is provided with an interruption (54)
along the circumference thereof, is arranged in the recess (46), and is used for at least partially
locking the wiper shaft (28) in an axial direction inside the accommodating means (32),
characterized in that
the locking element (48) has essentially a rectangular structure in cross
section,
that the recess (46) encompasses at least one slope (56) in the axial direction of the wiper
shaft (28), along which the locking element (48) can glide when a predetermined, essentially
axial force (F) in the direction of the longitudinal axis is applied to the wiper shaft (28), and
that the angle of the slope (56) with respect to the longitudinal axis of the wiper shaft (28)
is ~~determined as a function of the force (F) such that the locking element (48) glides on the at~~
least one slope (56) on the wiper shaft (28) in response to the force (F) along the longitudinal
axis of the wiper shaft (28), and
the force (F) is between about 800 N and about 3000 N.
2. (Previously presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1,
characterized in that the slope (56) is embodied to be circumferential and has an angle
(alpha) between 25 and 75 degrees with respect to the longitudinal axis of the wiper shaft
(28).

3. (Original) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 2, characterized in that the slope (56) has an angle (α) of approximately 45 degrees.
4. (Currently amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined force (F) is between 1000 and 2000 N ~~800 and 3000 N~~.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the recess (46) features at least two areas (56, 58) in cross section and namely a first glide area (56) formed by the slope (56) and a second essentially flat or slightly sloped seat area (58) adjacent to the glide area (56).
7. (Currently amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 6, characterized in that the recess (46) has three areas (56, 58, 60) in cross section and namely [[a]] the first glide area (56) formed by the at least one slope (56), [[a]] the second seat area (58) and a third sloped area (60) that is adjacent to the seat area (58) on the side of the accommodating means (32) and is essentially embodied like the glide area (56) so that the recess (46) essentially has a tub-shaped structure in cross section.
8. (Previously presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (48) is embodied as a stamped part or as a plastic part.
9. (Previously presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (48) is resting on a stop disk (50).
10. (Original) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 9, characterized in that the stop disk (50) is supported on the accommodating means (32).

11. (Currently amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 2, characterized in that the predetermined force (F) is ~~between 800 and 3000 N, in particular between 1000 and 2000 N, preferably approximately 1500 N.~~
12. (Currently amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 2 ~~Claim 3~~, characterized in that the predetermined force (F) is ~~between 800 and 3000 N, in particular between 1000 and 2000 N, preferably approximately 1500 N.~~
13. (Currently amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 2 ~~Claim 4~~, characterized in that the recess (46) features at least two areas (56, 58) in cross section and namely a first glide area (56) formed by the slope (56) and a second essentially flat or slightly sloped seat area (58) adjacent to the glide area (56).
14. (Currently amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 13, characterized in that the recess (46) has three areas (56, 58, 60) in cross section and namely [[a]] the first glide area (56) formed by the at least one slope (56), [[a]] the second seat area (58) and a third sloped area (60) that is adjacent to the seat area (58) on the side of the accommodating means (32) and is essentially embodied like the glide area (56) so that the recess (46) essentially has a tub-shaped structure in cross section.
15. (Previously presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 14, characterized in that the locking element (48) is embodied as a stamped part or as a plastic part.
16. (Previously presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 15, characterized in that the locking element (48) is resting on a stop disk (50).
17. (Previously presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 16, characterized in that the stop disk (50) is supported on the accommodating means (32).

18. (Previously presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 2, characterized in that the slope (56) has an angle (α) between 35 and 55 degrees with respect to the longitudinal axis of the wiper shaft (28).
19. (Currently amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 3 ~~Claim 4~~, characterized in that the predetermined force (F) is between 1000 and 2000 N.
20. (Previously presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 4, characterized in that the predetermined force (F) is approximately 1500 N.